

Amendment and Response

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Title: PRINT PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD**REMARKS**

The following Remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed September 20, 2004, in which claims 1-38 were rejected. With this amendment, claims 14-17 and 38 have been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 1-13 and 18-37 have been amended to clarify Applicant's invention. Claims 1-13 and 18-37, therefore, remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Aoki U.S. Patent No. 6,631,008.

With this Amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the print processing system registry is configured to have print processing services of a plurality of print processing providers registered therewith, the print processing services including a storage capability of a print job storage provider to store a data file for the print job, a processing capability of a print job processing provider to process the data file for the print job, a printing capability of a print job print provider to print the print job, and a delivery capability of a print job delivery provider to deliver a completed print job to the user, and has been amended to clarify that the print job service provider is adapted to receive a print request and the data file for the print job from the user and distribute the print request and the data file to the print job storage provider, the print job processing provider, the print job print provider, and the print job delivery provider for the user based on the print request.

In addition, independent claim 9 has been amended to clarify that the print processing system registry is configured to have print processing services of a plurality of print processing providers registered therewith, the print processing services including a printing capability of a print job print provider to print the print job, a processing capability of a print job processing provider to process a data file for the print job, a storage capability of a print job storage provider to store the data file for the print job, and a delivery capability of a print job delivery provider to deliver a completed print job to the user, and has been amended to clarify that the print job service provider is adapted to receive a print request and the data file for the print job from the user and submit the print request and the data file to the print processing system registry, wherein the print processing system registry is adapted to

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determine which of the printing capability, the processing capability, the storage capability, and the delivery capability is necessary for the print job, and wherein the print job service provider is adapted to automatically distribute, without interaction by the user, the print request and the data file for the print job to the print job print provider if the printing capability is necessary for the print job, the print job processing provider if the processing capability is necessary for the print job, the print job storage provider if the storage capability is necessary for the print job, and the print job delivery provider if the delivery capability is necessary for the print job.

In addition, independent claim 18 has been amended to clarify that the method includes providing a print processing system registry having print processing services of a plurality of print processing providers registered therewith, the print processing services including a storage capability of a print job storage provider to store a data file for the print job, a processing capability of a print job processing provider to process the data file for the print job, a printing capability of a print job print provider to print the print job, and a delivery capability of a print job delivery provider to deliver a completed print job to the user, and has been amended to clarify that the method further includes receiving a print request and the data file for the print job at the print job service provider from the user, and distributing the print request and the data file to the print job storage provider, the print job processing provider, the print job print provider, and the print job delivery provider for the user via the communication network based on the print request.

In addition, independent claim 29 has been amended to clarify that the method includes receiving a print request and a data file for the print job at the print job service provider from the user, submitting the print request and the data file via the communication network to the print processing system registry, and automatically distributing, without interaction by the user, the print request and the data file for the print job via the communication network to the print processing system providers which have the print job processing services necessary for the print job.

With respect to the Aoki patent, this patent does not teach or suggest a system for processing a print job as claimed in amended independent claim 1, a system for processing a print job as claimed in amended independent claim 9, a method of processing a print job as

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claimed in amended independent claim 18, nor a method of processing a print job as claimed in amended independent claim 29.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 9, 18, and 29 are each patentably distinct from the Aoki patent and, therefore, are each in a condition for allowance. Furthermore, as dependent claims 2-8 further define patentably distinct claim 1, dependent claims 10-13 further define patentably distinct claim 9, dependent claims 19-28 further define patentably distinct claim 18, and dependent claims 30-37 further define patentably distinct claim 29, Applicant submits that these dependent claims are also in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-38 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) be reconsidered and withdrawn and that claims 1-13 and 18-37 be allowed.

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Title: PRINT PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-13 and 18-37 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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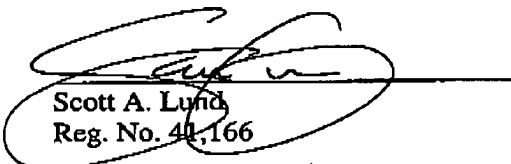
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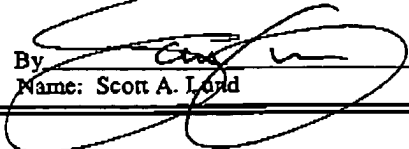
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